(e) and (f) Review of projects is an ongoing process in the Ministry of Railways Committee of Secretaries has also mentioned the same. Decision on Railway projects is taken on the urgency of the work, funds constraints, gestation period etc.

Adherence to Montreal Convention on ozone depletion

859. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government so far in observance of the Montreal Convention to prevent ozone depletion and promote eco-friendly technologies in industries and other areas of economy and social life; and

(b) the steps being taken and programmes and campaigns carried on or launched in pursuance of these conventions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) To comply with the Montreal Protocol, a Country Programme was prepared after detailed all round consultation for phasing out Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS). Steps have been taken to phase out ODS by funding projects through the Multilateral Fund created under the Montreal Protocol, providing technical assitance, and fiscal incentives to industry. Further the following steps have also been taken:

(i) Awareness Campaigns have been carried out through workshops, film and print media.

(ii) Action has been initiated to formulate rules under Environment Protection Act, 1986.

(iii) Eco-friendly technologies are promoted through implementation of standards for issuance of Ecomark to qualified non-ODS as well as certain selected consumer products.

Illegal construction on the Orissa coast

860. DR. MOHAN BABU:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prosecute companies responsible for illegal construction of Hotels, Guest Houses, Hatcheries and Ship Breaking Units on the Orissa Coast;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the punishment given so far for such violations under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS: (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) to (c) Notices have been issued to 8 Hotel/Beach Resorts, 3 Hatcheries/Prawn Culture projects, 1 Ship Breaking Unit and 4 Housing/Building construction projects in Orissa, for violation of provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 for taking action under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Expansion of Railway Stations in Gujarat

861. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations in Gujarat identified by Government for expansion and development programme during 1995 and 1996;

(b) the progress made in respect of each scheme so far; and

(c) by when the work is likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) 1995-96 — 29 stations

1996-97 — 17 stations

(b) and (c) Works at 29 stations approved during 1995-96 have been started and are progressing as per schedule. Out of the works at 17 stations approved during 1996-97, works have started at 3 stations and works at remaining stations be commenced on completion of requisite formalities. Two to three years will be required for completion of these works.